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SUBJECT: UGANDAN AMBASSADOR TO WEST GERMANY RESIGNS

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1. WE EXPECTED THAT ONE RESULT OF GENERAL AMIN'S ACTION OF CALLING ALL HIS AMBASSADORS TO KAMPALA FOR BRIEFINGS MIGHT BE THAT SOME WOULD RESIGN RATHER THAN RETURN. THUS FAR ONLY ONE WE AWARE OF WHO HAS MADE THAT DECISION IS JOHN BARIGYE, AMB. TO WEST GERMANY. WAS ANNOUNCED HERE MAY 4 THAT BARIGYE RESIGNED FROM DIPLOMATIC SERVICE PREVIOUS DAY AND " THERE WAS SPECULATION HE WOULD BE JOINING AN INTERNATIONAL AGENCY." BBC MAY 4 REPORTED BARIGYE AS SAYING HE COULD NO LONGER REPRESENT HIS COUNTRY ABROAD BECAUSE OF REIGN OF TERROR AND OPPRESSION IN UGANDA. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY REFERRED TO WIDESPREAD ELIMINATION OF UGANDANS BY PRESENT REGIME. BBC SAID HE WAS ON HIS WAY FROM LONDON TO AN UNDISCLOSED AFRICAN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRY.

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2. TO SURPRISE OF SOME PEOPLE AT LEAST, AMBASSADOR TO UN GRACE IBINGIRA DID RETURN, AND HE MET WITH GENERAL AMIN MAY 3 AT STATE HOUSE ENTEBBE SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL. HE LUNCHEDED WITH AMIN, ETIANG AND AMB. TO ADDIS LUBEGA. ACCORDING UGANDAN MEDIA IBINGIRA BRIEFED GENERAL ON UN AFFAIRS, VIEWS OF DIPLOMATS AT UN REGARDING UGANDA' S RELATIONS WITH US, OM WHICH ANGOLA HAS BEEN SUFFERING," WHICH COULD ONLY PLEASE POPULACE STILL CHAFFING UNDER WHAT THEY VIEW AS INSUFFERABLE CONTROLS IMPOSED BY LISBON.

5. WITH EXCEPTION OF SOMEWHAT BRIEF " CUMPRIMENTOS" TO SILVA CUNHA, SANTOS E CASTRO THE SYCOPHANT WAS IN USUAL EXPANSIVE FORM IN FLATTERING PRESIDENT AND PRIMIN.

6. CHIEF QUESTION WE CANNOT ANSWER HERE IS WAS THIS SPEECH CLEARED IN LISBON.
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